

REVISED MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

February 9, 2016

Since 2006, the Board of Supervisors has created employment opportunities for thousands of youth across Los Angeles County particularly during the summer months and after school. Meaningful work experiences provide skill-building opportunities, offer career pathways and mentorship for young people. Youth employment is also essential to help local businesses find and retain talent.

Last year a coalition of employers launched the 100,000 Opportunities Initiative. It is the nation's largest employer-led coalition committed to creating meaningful career pathways and hiring at least 100,000 opportunity youth by 2018.

On February 11th the 100,000 Opportunities Initiative will be holding a day-long resource and job fair for young people here in Los Angeles. Starbucks, Taco Bell, Alaska Airlines, Microsoft, Walgreens, and many other employers will be offering jobs to work ready youth, and community based organizations will be providing development and enrichment services. More than 4,000 youth are expected to attend. The County has a unique opportunity to participate by leveraging existing youth employment funds to subsidize the first 100 work hours of employment with local businesses.

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Also, on February 4, 2016, President Obama announced that his Fiscal Year 2017 Budget, which will be released on February 9, 2016, includes \$6 billion in new funding to help more than one million youth to gain work experience, skills, and networks from having a first job. This budget proposal would require the enactment of federal legislation for implementation.

However, the President also announced a new “Summer Jobs and Beyond” grant, which is funded using existing resources, for which the Department of Labor (DOL) released a Notice of Availability of Funds and Funding Opportunity on February 4, 2016. Under this notice, an estimated \$20 million would be available to award \$2 million to 10 local workforce development boards (LWDBs) to provide employment-related services, including work experience opportunities, to eligible youth who are new entrants to the workforce. The grant-funded projects should be designed to link existing summer employment programs with local educational agencies, re-engagement centers, employers, and other community partners to streamline service delivery, align resources, and assist youth in preparing for successful entry into the workforce.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Director of Community and Senior Services collaborate with the Departments of Public Social Services, Probation, Children and Family Services, Public Works, Sheriff, Consumer and Business Affairs and Parks and Recreation to launch the County’s “First 100” Initiative, utilizing existing Youth Job resources to subsidize the first one hundred hours for youth internships.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Director of Community and Senior Services report back in 90 days on the Initiative and provide recommendations that can further streamline employment pathways.

I FURTHER MOVE that the County’s Local Workforce Development Board and the Director of the Department of Community and Senior Services work with the Departments of Public Social Services, Probation, Children and Family Services, Sheriff, Office of Education and any other appropriate County entities to submit an application for the President’s “Summer Jobs and Beyond” Grant Program.

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